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Assignee: NEC Electronics America, Inc.
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METHOD USING WATER
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The following Amendments and Remarks are submitted for entry into the application filed on June 24, 2003, Serial Number 10/602,291. This Preliminary Amendment is submitted prior to the first Office Action on the merits in the above-captioned case. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

No Amendments to the Specification are presented in this paper.

No Amendments to the Drawings are presented in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.